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## Minutes 07/01/2008

Arlington Historical Commission  
Minutes for the Meeting of  
Tuesday, 1 July 2008  
Whittemore-Robbins House, 7:45 p.m.

Call to Order: Richard A. Duffy, Co-Chairman, presiding, with Co-Chair JoAnn Robinson, Commissioners Jane Becker, Eric Stange, Patrick Guthrie, Pamela Meister, Dianne Schaefer and Associate Commissioner Alex Frisch.

Review of June 3, 2008 Minutes. The minutes were reviewed. Ms. Meister moved approval; Mr. Guthrie seconded.  
Voted: Unanimously.

### Communications Received

- Call from Katie Oates, real estate agent re: 38 Kensington Park. Left voice message for her with information on the history of the property.
- Miriam Butts of Lexington with inquiries about Town Hall Gardens re: a small exhibit planned for September at the Boston Public Library.
- Call from Joel Marano re: 43-45 Mass. Ave. See under *Hearings*, below.
- Call from owner of 25 Hayes Street. Referred to Project Monitor. See under Hearings, below.
- Call from Jack Lepore re: demolition of 148 Charlton St. Not on Inventory. Sent fax to confirm same.
- Call from Joseph Baran re: 5-7 Brookdale Rd.; informed him that the Commission would be meeting as usual on July 1.
- Call from Tom Schaejve re: demolition of 38 Standish Road. Not on Inventory. Sent fax to confirm same.
- Call forwarded from Lyz Carey from Community Newspaper Company (Tom McDermott) re: legal notices published in the Arlington Advocate. CNC's billing department has been sending invoices to the Arlington Historical Society by error. Left Mr. McDermott a voice mail with instructions for the proper submission of past due and future invoices.
- Call from Lynne Lowenstein, real estate agent, re: 15 Davis Avenue. Referred her to Inventory forms available at Robbins Library.
- Call from Lynn Hopkins, architect for 88 Orvis Road regarding application. Commission to review plans this evening to determine if changes to front elevation will involved more than 25%.
- Call regarding 14 Wellington St., referred to AHDC.
- JoAnn Robinson met with a prospective purchaser of 9 Fessenden Road to discuss this Commission's potential review of this property.
- JoAnn Robinson received a phone call from another prospective purchaser of 9 Fessenden Road.

- Call received from Nathan Baxter re: railing above front portico. Referred to Project Monitors.
- Received two notifications of cell phone towers at Park Way and Mystic and St. Paul's Church. We have no jurisdiction.

Reports of other Town Boards and Historical Organizations: (*omitted July 1*)

- Arlington Preservation Fund (Frisch)
- Zoning By-Law Review Committee (Stange)
- Arlington Historical Society (Duffy).
- Old Schwamb Mill (Duffy)
- Arlington Historic Districts Commission (Frisch)
- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Meister).

Historical Commission FY 2009 Budget. Purchase orders have been issued for Web design and House Markers.  
Projects Proceeding Under Hearings and Approvals:

- 3-5 Brattle Street (Fertman) 4/02 Stange- Nothing to report.
- 821 Massachusetts Avenue (Noyes RT) 10/03; modified 4/08. Duffy. Mr. Duffy received an email message from the grandson of Dr. Charles Atwood, inquiring into the status of the house.
- Symmes Hospital (Town of Arlington) 6/04 Duffy. The Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Survey met on June 2 and unanimously approved the names proposed by Mr. Duffy for the development site. Hospital Road will be re-named Old Hospital Road. New streets will be named: Symmes Circle (for Stephen Symmes, who bequeathed his estate to establish the Symmes Hospital); Nora Court (for Nora Brown, R.N., first superintendent of the hospital and founder of the nurses' training school); and Hattie's Way (for Hattie Symmes, late daughter of Stephen Symmes, who inspired his bequest).
- 41 Brantwood Road (Gallini) 11/06 Stange- Nothing to report.
- 45 Fairview Ave. (Trvalik) 11/07 Guthrie-Nothing to report
- 27 Brantwood Road (Duncan/Potter) 11/07 Stange-Nothing to report
- 5 Lincoln Street (West) 4/08 Duffy- Nothing to report.
- 21 Appleton Street (Colosimo) 4/08 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- 25 Hayes Street (Liggett) 11/03 Robinson- Nothing to report.
- 90 Jason Street ((Baxter) 6/08 Guthrie/Schaefer- Nothing to report.
- Continuing Projects
- Whittemore-Robbins House (and outbuildings): Robinson
- Arlington Civic Block Garden: Robinson
- Inventory Expansion and Review: Duffy, Robinson
- Education/Outreach: Duffy/Robinson. Mr. Duffy prepared and printed cover memos from this Commission to accompany its brochure to accompany that of the Arlington Historic Preservation Fund to the owners of properties on the Inventory under the jurisdiction of the AHC and AHDC. This generous gesture by the Arlington Historic Preservation Fund has facilitated the formal notification to property owners, which this Commission has been sending as a courtesy every few years, to increase awareness of, and compliance with, the Demolition Delay By-Law.

Historic House Markers: Duffy-No orders.  
Town Hall: Duffy.

- Web site: Stange
- Discussion and Hearings:

8:00pm Hearing for 43-45 Massachusetts Avenue.  
Presenters: Jane Shapiro, owner and Joel Marano, contractor, Cariano Construction.  
Proposal: To remove aluminum siding, one side per year, and replace with wooden clapboard.

Motion made by JoAnn Robinson to accept proposal to remove aluminum siding and restore trim and replace with pre-primed wooden clapboard with 4" exposure. Patrick Guthrie seconded the motion. Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Monitor: Dianne Schaefer

Mr. Duffy will send photographs of the house to Jane Shapiro.

Hearing ended at 8:09pm.

8:15 pm Hearing regarding 25 Hayes Street. Modifications to porch design.

Presenter: Steve Liggett

Proposal: Brought copies of original design and proposed design. The original had no landing out of French doors and plans to raise the grade. The proposed design shows a landing outside of French doors and no changes in grade.

Motion: Mr. Stange moved to accept the proposed landing addition to plans as drawn with vertical lattice to match existing porch materials for previously approved porch. Richard Duffy restated motion and Patrick Guthrie seconded the motion. Vote: Passed Unanimously.

Monitor: JoAnn Robinson

Closed at 8:28pm

- New Business

- a. 8:30pm 88 Orvis Road. Discussion of plans for replacing storm windows on front porch, to determine percentage of elevation involved. It was determined that changes are more than 25% of the front elevation. A hearing will take place on August 5 regarding changes to this property.

- b. Whittmore Robbins House. Reviewed proposals for replacement gutters. After a lengthy discussion regarding the proposed gutter designs it was determined that more information is needed. We will invite those who inspected the house and worked on the designs to come to the August 5 meeting so that there can be a discussion regarding materials to be used and the reasonableness of these possible solutions.

- August 5 meeting will be held due to hearings scheduled.
- September meeting to be held on September 9 instead of September 2 (September has five Tuesdays this year.)
- Town day is schedules for September 20 (September 27 rain date). An application has been submitted by this Commission for a booth space.

Adjourn at 9:21pm

The next Arlington Historical Commission meeting will be August 5, 2008 at 7:45pm

For the Arlington Historical Commission, Victoria Rose, Recording Secretary.